

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Tomorrow will be Friday, the thirteenth.

There were no cases for trial in the public court today.

Miss Hugo Herfurth, Jr., who was operated upon for appendicitis at the Alexandria Hospital, is convalescing at her home in Queen street.

Miss Kathleen Quinn entertained the graduating class of St. Mary's Academy at cards Thursday afternoon at her home in North Washington Street.

Ex-Governor Henry C. Stuart, of Virginia, who is traveling in the Argentine on business, has been the guest recently of Mr. and Mrs. Robert South Barrett, in Buenos Aires.

Grease on a frying pan caused a slight fire in a house on Fairfax between Prince and Duke streets, shortly before noon today and brought out the fire department's services, however were not needed.

The Rev. Dr. D. H. Martin will conduct the prayer meeting at the Anne Lee Memorial Home for the Aged tomorrow at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to the public generally to be present at this service of prayer and song.

The Herfurth Engine Company incorporated, has sold to R. W. Herfurth the foundry and machine shop at the foot of Duke street, formerly known as Moore's foundry. E. E. Carver has sold to Thomas E. Arrington a house and lot on the south side of Wythe between Patrick and Henry streets.

Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, of this city, will be one of the principal speakers when delegates from every Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion, as well as representatives of the posts themselves, meet in Richmond tomorrow and Saturday, to form a permanent state organization.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Jones of 1627 F street, Washington, have issued invitations for the wedding and reception of their daughter, Miss Nancy Gordon Jones, and Mr. William Gouverneur Barnwell of New York, on Thursday, May 19, at 6 o'clock, at the Washington Club, 1701 K street. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Miss Jones are former residents of this city.

The funeral of Maj. James A. Long, who died yesterday, will take place at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from his late residence, 526 Queen street. Services will be conducted by Rev. Edgar Carpenter rector of Grace Episcopal Church and burial will be in St. Paul's cemetery.

Public Welfare Bill Faces Rough Sailing

Washington, May 12.—Indications that the proposal to create a department of public welfare will not have smooth sailing through Congress were furnished yesterday at initial hearings by Senate and House Education committees on the pending Kuyon bill, which embodies the principles of such a department as endorsed by President Harding and as worked out at his direction by Brig.-Gen. C. E. Sawyer, his personal physician.

General Sawyer, who appeared to outline the proposal, was subjected to extensive questioning by members of the two committees, who wanted to know if the consolidation of the educational, social and humanitarian bureaus of the Government would not add to the number of Government employees and to governmental expenditures.

The most pronounced opposition, however, came from supporters of the proposal to establish a department of education. Representative Townner, Republican, Iowa, author of the Department of Education bill, argued that the educational forces of the country would not be satisfied with a division of education in a department of public welfare. General Sawyer, on the other hand, declared that many leading educators had endorsed the proposed public welfare bureau, and those that would not fall in line evidently did not have the best interest of education at heart.

Hailstorms Ruin

Crops in the South Macon, Ga., May 12.—A violent wind and electrical storm, accompanied by rain and hail, yesterday swept over Georgia. Wires were down in all directions and it was impossible last night to estimate the damage.

At Hampton, between Atlanta and Griffin, two inches of hail was reported, and had fell all the way from Atlanta to Macon on the Central of Georgia Railroad. At Cordale, on the Georgia Southern and Florida, the disturbance was described as a cloud-burst in reports reaching here.

On the Southwestern division of the Central of Georgia, which runs through peach belt, all wires were down, but trains coming through reported high winds, heavy rain and some hail.

Hail fell in Macon yesterday morning and last night the city was hit by a heavy rain and electrical storm. At Thomasville yesterday afternoon lightning struck a tree on the golf club course, under which a number of caddies had sought shelter. One negro was killed and several others were badly injured.

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Steam Tug Burns at Sea

Captain and Crew Safe Jacksonville, Fla., May 12.—The steam tug Victor, en route from Miami, Fla., to New York burned at sea twenty-five miles south of Mantanzas inlet, today, according to word received here.

Captain Charles R. Wiebe and the crew of seven, put off in small boats and had reached St. Augustine, Fla., it was said.

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Dreadnaught to Play Two.
Saturday, 4 p. m., Baggett's field, upper King street, the Dreadnaughts will meet the Bliss E. S. of Washington, in a game of ball and on Sunday the same field at 3 p. m., the Quincy A. C., come for an engagement.

Both teams are coming with good records, each having been defeated but twice this season, and if they play the quality of baseball expected, the fans have in store for them two first-rate exhibitions of the old game.

FALLS FIVE STORIES IN SLEEP.

New York, May 12.—Stephen Barker, a lawyer, living in Short Hills, N. J., early today walked in his sleep out of a thirteenth story window in his brother's apartment on Fifty-ninth street, and fell eight stories to the roof of an adjacent building.

Physicians said he had a fair chance for recovery, although his skull was fractured and his legs were broken.

ATHLETIC CHIROPRACTOR BREAKS PATIENT'S BACK

Pittsburgh, May 12.—Strenuous handling by a chiropractor is blamed for the death of Joseph McCann, age 35, whose back was broken during treatment. He died of pneumonia.

Following his treatment by a practitioner whose name is withheld, McCann was received at St. Joseph's Hospital Monday night, where the fourth and fifth vertebrae were found fractured and pneumonia ensued.

The chiropractor responsible for McCann's condition, according to the deputy coroner, has a State license and his methods of treatment are recognized by the authorities.

The case became public when the Bureau of Vital Statistics refused to recognize the death certificate issued by the physician at the hospital.

SLAYER MAY BE SAVED BY INVENTIVE GENIUS

Uniontown, Pa., May 12.—An electrical device which he invented

in 1917 and gave to the United States Navy may be the means of saving the life of John C. Shurilla, of Pittsburgh, who recently was convicted of murder in the first degree for the death of John Sherga, several months ago. Sherga was shot in the back and robbed between Wickhaven and Perryopolis.

That the Navy Consulting Board has become interested in the case became known today when Shurilla received a letter from Rear Admiral W. S. Brothers Smith. The letter, in answer to one written by Shurilla some time ago, says in part:

"We are very sorry to hear you are in serious trouble, but we have taken up your case with the Naval Consulting Board. We will insist

you give us an account of your assistance during the war. You are a true American citizen."

In April, 1917, Shurilla wrote to the president of the Naval Consulting Board offering an electrical device which he claimed would detect submarines and offered its use to the navy. On April 5, 1918, he received a letter, saying his device was a success and had helped the navy check German submarine activities.

Shurilla had been arrested in Pittsburgh as a German spy suspect. Fayette county detectives noted that he answered the description of the slayer of the youth and asked the Pittsburgh authorities to turn him over to them. He was tried and convicted in a short time. No date has been set for his execution.

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